

U.S. Bankruptcy Court

Fourth Annual

Open House, Seminar and Reception



**The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri,
The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis,
The Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund, and
The St. Louis Bar Foundation**

Cordially invite you to join the Court and your colleagues at the Bankruptcy Court's Annual Open House, Seminar and Reception

Date: Thursday, January 29, 2004 **Location:** 1st Floor Jury Assembly Room
Registration: 3:00 p.m. Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse
Seminar: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. 111 South Tenth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

Reception: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. on the 28th Floor, En Banc Courtroom Foyer
Hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided (Cash bar available)



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Honorable Chief Judge James J. Barta
Dana C. McWay, Clerk of Court
Paul H. Berens, Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund

Seminar: “Views on Ethical Conduct from the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Bankruptcy Court”

Process of O.C.D.C. grievance procedures
Common grievances
Attorney's duty of referral
Criminal sanctions and other actions
Ethics and professionalism in the courtroom

Guest Presenters: Nancy Ripperger, Staff Counsel, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Alan D. Pratzel, Special Representative, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel

Panel: The Judges of the United States Bankruptcy Court
Peter Lumaghi, Assistant United States Trustee
Leonora Long, Attorney for the United States Trustee



RSVP to BAMSLS by Tuesday, January 27, 2004, using the enclosed registration form.

(Seminar approved for 2.4 hours of MCLE credit, including 1.8 hours ethics credit.)

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*“Views on Ethical Conduct from the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel
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Nancy Ripperger. Nancy Ripperger joined the staff of the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel in February 2003. As staff counsel for the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel Ms. Ripperger investigates and prosecutes complaints made against Missouri attorneys. Ms. Ripperger graduated cum laude from the University of Missouri Law School in 1992. Prior to attending law school Ms. Ripperger worked in mid-Missouri as a bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for four years. After completing law school, Ms. Ripperger clerked for the Honorable Ann K. Covington of the Missouri Supreme Court. She then went to work for Husch & Eppenberger, LLC in its Jefferson City office and worked there until February 2003. While with Husch & Eppenberger Ms. Ripperger was a litigator who handled commercial litigation, professional licensure litigation and appellate work.

Alan D. Pratzel. Mr. Pratzel is an attorney in private practice in the City of St. Louis. He is a graduate of the Washington University School of Law. Since 1985, he has served as the Special Representative for the Region XI Disciplinary Committee (previously known as the 22nd Judicial Circuit Bar Committee). That Committee has responsibility for the investigation of alleged ethical violations concerning attorneys who either reside or office in the City of St. Louis. Mr. Pratzel is also a member of the Professionalism Committee of the Missouri Bar. He has spoken at numerous seminars regarding the professionalism, the ethical responsibilities of lawyers and the disciplinary process in the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis. In his private practice, Mr. Pratzel concentrates in the areas of real estate development and condemnation law.

Registration fee is \$75.00. Registrations to be received at BAMSL by Tuesday, January 27, 2004. If received after January 27th, the registration fee is \$100.00. Checks should be made payable to BAMSL. Payment by Visa or MasterCard can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to BAMSL. Parking not included.

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail to: Katy Borsos at The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, 720 Olive St., Ste. 2900, St. Louis, MO 63101-2308, fax 314-421-0013, e-mail to kborsos@bamsl.org, or register online at www.bamsl.org.

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